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Selectman and National League of Cities President Charles Lyons chats with James Nocella, public sector services manager of Waste Management, and Medford Mayor Michael McGlynn in the Town Hall Gardens before last Thursday's NLC dinner.

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## Lyons shows off his hometown NLC gala held at Town Hall

BY LES MASTERSON  
STAFF WRITER

In a year when he has traveled the country representing the National League of Cities, Selectman Charles Lyons showed the nation's leaders some Arlington hospitality last week.

The NLC was in town for its summer meeting. The president hosts the event and Lyons, the first selectman elected NLC president in the group's 80-year history, had the honor this year. Usually, the position is held by mayors and councilors of big cities.

Lyons, working on four hours sleep coupled with a busy travel schedule, strolled through the Town Hall Gardens during the cocktail hour last Thursday, shaking hands, welcoming NLC members and sharing stories with old friends.

"Some people worked so hard to make Town Hall so gorgeous," said Lyons. "I couldn't be prouder of the employees."

Town Hall was cleaned and polished for the event. Two 20-ton air conditioning units pumped cool air into the auditorium and the fountains, which have been dormant for 28 years, were shooting water into the air.

Lyons invited NLC officials, friends, family and former and current Arlington officials to the dinner in the auditorium.

Selectman Kevin Greeley, who served as master of ceremonies, said the book of Arlington history will include chapters on the first day of the American Revolution, the birth of Uncle Sam, Cyrus Dallin's artwork, the Robbins family's generosity and the longest-serving selectman, who was also the first 18-year-old elected to public office in the U.S.

"There will be a chapter about Charles Lyons," said Greeley.

"Arlington is very proud Charlie is the president of the National League of Cities, but we're even prouder that he is one of Arlington's native sons," said Greeley.

Former Arlington Selectman Robert Murray drove from his home on Cape Cod for the NLC dinner. Murray served with Lyons both on the School Committee and Board of Selectmen.

He remembered Lyons as a young man who got under the skin of his fellow school board members. After Murray was elected to the Board of Selectmen, Lyons became chairman of the School Committee — though members were leery



Town Hall auditorium was dressed up for last week's NLC dinner. Officials from around the country attended the event.

about handing the chairmanship to the young man.

As chairman, Lyons showed other officials that he was the real deal, said Murray.

"It was a wonderful lesson for me: to give everybody a chance," said Murray.

The former selectman said he is impressed with Lyons'

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## Hepatitis A hits another restaurant

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

A second case of hepatitis A has struck an Arlington restaurant.

The latest possible exposure occurred at Not Your Average Joe's on Massachusetts Avenue. A food server who worked at the restaurant on June 30 was diagnosed with hepatitis A, a rare liver virus that causes severe flu-like symptoms in patients.

"The ill food handler may have touched food while ill on June 30," said Arlington Health Director Christine Connolly.

The town will hold a clinic to administer immune globulin shots for patrons who ate at the restaurant on June 30. The free clinic will be held today, July 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the former Symmes Hospital.

Connolly estimated about 300 people were there that day. The IG shot is an inocu-

lation for hepatitis A. The virus generally incubates for two weeks after exposure.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Representative Bela Matyas said the clinic is precautionary and health officials do not think anyone was exposed at the restaurant. The officials said the cleanliness and food handling practices at the restaurant made exposure unlikely.

"It's probably likely the case that no one was exposed because of the way things are run there," said Matyas.

The restaurant was allowed to re-open, provided all the employees were inoculated for hepatitis A.

Town Manager Brian Sullivan said the worker was not from Arlington and likely contracted the virus elsewhere.

"Regardless of how scrupulous you are in health safety practices at a restaurant,"

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## Romney vetoes impact projects

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

With the governor's line-item vetoes last week, two road-related projects for Arlington were killed. That has Arlington and West Medford Rep. Jim Marzilli mad.

Marzilli said the two vetoes squelched items that would have helped bolster the quality of life in Arlington. Both items would cost the state little to no money, said Marzilli, who questioned the governor's decision in snubbing the town's requests.

"It seems pretty clear to me this is the petty excess of power," said Marzilli.

The state rep said the governor still won't accept the legislature is part of the budgeting process.

"He thinks he is the CEO of Massachusetts and he is in charge and he doesn't want anyone telling him how to run the executive branch. Of course, he's not the CEO, he's the governor. There's a difference," said Marzilli.

One item called for an 18-

hour-a-day truck ban on Route 60 in Arlington, with a special exception for emergencies. The ban would keep trucks off Pleasant, Medford and Chestnut streets except for the mornings, between 6 a.m. and noon.

The other veto killed a proposal to have MassHighway grant an easement along Route 2 next to Spy Pond. The land acquired would be used for a pumping station to infuse the pond with oxygen — such systems are common in urban ponds, said Marzilli. The system is needed to help control algae growth and other noxious problems that stagnant water can cause.

"It's pretty standard procedure to keeping a pond healthy... especially an urban pond," said Marzilli. "(The state) seized the property by eminent domain when it widened the highway. The state has no use for it. While the town of Arlington is trying to clean up a mess created largely by the Highway Department, the state is fighting."

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## Arlington Children's Theater searches for a new place to call home

BY BROOKE LEISTER  
STAFF WRITER

After 13 years of operating out of First Baptist Church, the Arlington Children's Theater is looking for a new home.

As both institutions have grown, there simply is not enough space to accommodate ACT's growing pro-

duction and workshop schedule.

"What has happened is they have been growing and we have been growing and we only have a finite amount of space," said Rev. Jon Hevelone, pastor at First Baptist Church. "Our church is in renewal and we're instituting more smaller groups."

This fall, Hevelone plans to start

an adult grief recovery group at the church, as well as a religious studies program.

Steve Smith, president of ACT, is speaking with other venues in town and hopes to have a new ACT home in Arlington by the end of the summer.

"This summer, we have a cast of over 90 kids (for 'The Adventures of

Tom Sawyer'). The 90 kids come from 15 different communities — Everett, Chelsea, Somerville, Lexington, Bedford and Woburn... I think we're definitely getting well-known," Smith said. "There's definitely a need for this and I'm happy that we're able to do it."

The theater was founded in 1991 to create a positive theater experi-

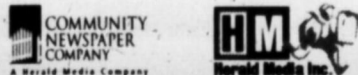
ence for children ages 7 to 18. The all-volunteer organization relies on parents and families, who bring the productions to life through costumes, lighting, makeup and set construction.

Participation in an ACT production is open to any child, from any town, who is willing to work with

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## POLICE LOG

### Arrests

Wednesday, June 30

- At 2:35 a.m., police arrested Jeriel A. Johnson, 22, 80 Varnum St., and charged him with domestic assault and battery. Officer Brendan Kiernan made the arrest.
- At 5:49 p.m., police arrested Kevin F. Sefton, 34, 8 Dudley St., Apt. 28, and charged him with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Officer Brandon Kindle responded to a Massachusetts Avenue eatery concerning a disruptive patron. Kindle spoke to Sefton and believed he was intoxicated. The officer told Sefton he was being placed into protective custody and the Dudley Street man allegedly began yelling at officers and others. Kindle made the arrest.

The following are excerpts from the Arlington Police Department log. The log is available to the public.

Monday, June 28

- At 2:09 a.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident reported someone broke glass on a front door.
- At 6:39 a.m., police responded to Drake Road where a resident told police someone scratched a car with a sharp object.
- At 9:37 p.m., an Aberdeen Road resident reported credit card fraud.
- At 10:26 p.m., a Decatur Street resident called police after seeing a fight in front of her house. She saw a man punch another in the face. The man fled the area and police conducted a search, including calling in a K9 unit. They were unable to find him. Police are investigating.

Tuesday, June 29

- At 2:49 p.m., police received a call from Academy Street concerning credit card fraud.
- At 7:07 p.m., police responded to a Massachusetts Avenue business after a shoplifter allegedly stole Boston Red Sox shirts. Police are investigating.

Wednesday, June 30

- At 8:33 a.m., police

forced entry.

Thursday, July 1

- At 11:05 a.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident reported someone ransacked an unlocked motor vehicle. Nothing was reported missing.
- At 11:56 a.m., police responded to Alton Street and Broadway concerning a vehicle's window being broken by a rock.
- At 2 p.m., an Inverness Road resident reported someone stole a computer through an unlocked rear door.
- At 5:37 p.m., a Florence Avenue resident reported a person digging through trash. The person left before police arrived.

Friday, July 2

- At 2:07 a.m., a Florence Avenue resident called police after noticing two slashed tires.
- At 6:08 p.m., a Cutter Hill Road resident reported vandalism. Police responded and found severe weather had knocked down a drain pipe.

Saturday, July 3

- At 7:44 p.m., a shopper reported a man stole her wallet from her purse while she was in a Massachusetts Avenue store. The suspect is described as a black male, wearing a dark T-shirt, who was carrying a large gym bag. Police are investigating.
- At 8:26 p.m., a Rhinecliff Street resident reported a group of people digging through trash in a neighbor's yard. Police responded and found a man had posted to an e-mail list that he was giving away his belongings. After hearing complaints from neighbors though, police asked the people to leave the area.

Sunday, July 4

- At 10:20 a.m., a Fordham Street resident reported two flower pots were stolen from a porch.

## Naked man reported at park

BY LES MASTERSON  
STAFF WRITER

For the third time in a month, a naked man has been reported in Menotomy Rocks Park.

The most recent incident took place on Monday, June 28. At around 9:45 a.m., police responded to a call about a naked man in the woods.

An officer spoke to a woman who said she was walking her dog in the park when she saw a man on his knees pleasuring himself. She ran away from him and told another person in the park to call police. There were small children in the park, but not within the suspect's view, according to

police.

Police were unable to find the suspect. He is described as a white male, around 6 feet, 3 inches tall, in his early 20s, with brown hair, who was wearing tan shorts and no shirt. The woman who reported the incident was not sure if his shorts were off or if they were around his ankles.

The other two incidents took place on June 5 and 10.

"Anybody in the area that happens to see a man fitting the description is urged to give us a call," said Police Chief Fred Ryan. "At this point, based on the facts of the three incidents we have on file, he hasn't attempted to harm anybody. We'd like to identify him before anything escalates."

## United Way gives to local groups

United Way of Massachusetts Bay is continuing its tradition of investing donor contributions with a results-oriented approach and is sharpening its focus to yield measurable impact in four specific areas.

Effective July 1, UWMB will invest a projected \$36.5 million in agencies and partnerships focused on Child Development, Youth Opportunities, Sustainable Employment and Affordable Housing. UWMB announced its Board of Directors has adopted the

first allocations plan to be guided by UWMB's new funding approach, which calls for providing operating support to agencies best aligned with the goals and strategies of its four impact areas.

United Way is funding the following organizations in Arlington by providing operating support and/or donor-designated funding: Arlington Boys & Girls Club and Visiting Nurse and Community Health.

"These investments represent some of the best and

brightest ideas for improving lives," said Marian L. Heard, president and chief executive officer at United Way of Massachusetts Bay. "Our priority is to initiate positive change by opening doors to social and economic opportunity, especially for children and families facing multiple obstacles. By strategically applying funds, mobilizing volunteers, and advocating for public policy, we combine successful, proven approaches for change with promising new ideas that get results."

## Meetings

Thursday, July 8

- Cultural Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Cutter House.

Friday, July 9

- Fair Housing Advisory Committee meets at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall Annex, first-floor conference room.

Monday, July 12

- Thompson School Council meets at 4:30 p.m.

at the school.

- Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, first-floor conference room.

Tuesday, July 13

- Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Commission meets at 9:30 a.m. in the cemetery's chapel.
- Park and Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center,

ground-floor conference room.

- Dallin Art Museum Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the Jefferson Cutter House.

- Historical Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Whittemore-Robbins House.

Wednesday, July 14

- Board of Health meets at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center, first-floor conference room.

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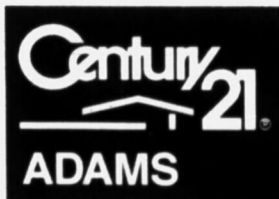
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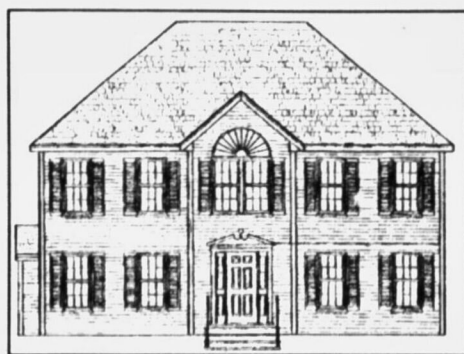


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# Rape retrial next month

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

A retrial date has been set in the 2001 alleged rape on Brattle Street.

The defendant, Majok D. Kachoul, will have his retrial start on Aug. 16 in Cambridge Superior Court.

Kachoul was cleared of some of the charges against him in a July 2003 jury decision, including rape, indecent assault and battery and assault and battery. The jury could not reach a decision on two other counts of rape, one count of indecent assault and battery and one count of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon.

According to police, Kachoul raped a woman who was walking on Brattle Street, outside Kachoul's home. A neighbor told police he witnessed the incident and pulled Kachoul off the woman.

According to Middlesex District Attorney Spokesman Emily LaGrassa, Assistant DA Sara Cannon will try Kachoul again.

LaGrassa said hung juries are rare, but the year-long wait for a retrial isn't necessarily a long time.

"They have to go through a lot of the same pre-trial procedures and preparation so I don't think it's too unusual," said LaGrassa. "We really don't have many hung juries."

Arlington Police Chief Fred Ryan said his department is ready to help in any way with the case against Kachoul.

"We were confident the evidence in this case was overwhelming and we would have had a conviction in the first case," said Ryan. "At this point, we're reviewing the evidence with the District Attorney's office and will move forward as we did in the first case."

Ryan said he hopes for a conviction.

"It should be emphasized that there's a victim in this case and we will do everything we can to ensure there's a conviction and that the perpetrator is held accountable for his actions," said Ryan.

Kachoul is one of the Sudanese Lost Boys, a group of young men orphaned and left wandering the Sudanese countryside after civil war ravaged the country and killed their parents. Some of the "Lost Boys" have settled in Arlington.

Kachoul was sponsored by the International Rescue Committee. St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church has also sponsored younger Sudanese men.

Kachoul's arrest in 2001 also brought about leaf-letting by The National Alliance, a white supremacy group. The organization left fliers on doorsteps after the man's arrest. Recently, The National Alliance made two other leaflet drops, including the same week that Kachoul was arrested and charged with assault and battery.

## New trash contract begins

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

Arlington has tossed out its old trash collector.

Waste Management has taken over trash-hauling duties in Arlington for the next three years. The company won the job after placing a more competitive bid than former provider, BFI. The new contract came in below the town's estimates, although it will still cost more than the last deal.

According to Town Manager Brian Sullivan, the town bids out trash service even though the state does not require it to do so. That helps the town keep the service at a competitive price, he said.

"We like to do it," said Sullivan.

The town has had several problems with BFI, the previous trash collector.

"Service had deteriorated toward the end of the last contract with BFI," said Sullivan. "When BFI was heading

toward the end of their contract, they were lamenting how they were losing money and would have to charge hundreds of thousands of dollars more for the service."

To make matters worse, the former contract had no mechanism for the town to hold BFI accountable for shoddy service. That left the town toothless as bags of leaves and yard waste sat rotting on sidewalks, waiting for weeks for BFI to collect them. Even routine trash collection and recycling pick-ups were either ignored or delayed, according to complaints lodged with the town.

The new deal with Waste Management has a schedule charted for contract violations and corresponding penalties. That way, both parties know what will happen if yard waste is not picked up or if recycling materials are denied.

"It gives us a lot more flexibility," said Sullivan of the contract, which started July 1.

The new company will follow the same routes and

schedules as BFI, said Sullivan. Trash pick-up, yard waste pick-up and recycling will stay the same. Waste Management has also provided a hotline for customers. Residents with a problem or question can call 781-933-2113 and speak directly with the company.

Sullivan said he hasn't received any complaints since the contract went into effect.

"I've had calls from people complimenting the service, which is unusual," he said.

According to Public Works Director John Sanchez, the transition between the two providers has been mostly smooth. The only blip has been with dumpsters. BFI still has several of its dumpsters at area businesses, which must be replaced with Waste Management dumpsters. The town and Waste Management had hoped to have the switch made in advance.

Waste Management representative Jim Nocella could not be reached for comment.

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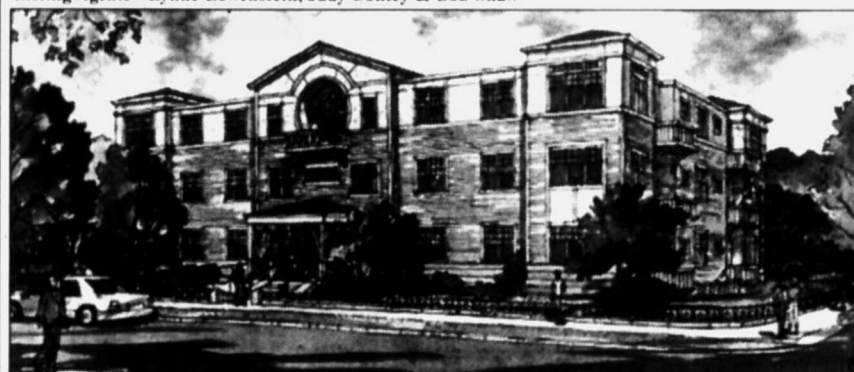
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# AHS hosts first Underclassman Awards event

Arlington High School recently celebrated the inauguration of a new tradition. The first annual Awards Presentation to recognize the special talents and achievements of the students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 was held in a school wide assembly on June 10.

Various departmental academic honors selected collaboratively by AHS faculty were announced as well as citing student citizenship accomplishments, including perfect attendance, effort and growth in a particular subject, service to the school community and consistent attainment of high honor status. Additionally, top ranking junior students were awarded with the prestigious Junior Book Awards, sponsored by colleges and universities.

Contributing to the success of this assembly were the following faculty committee members: Event Chair Assistant Principal Elinor Freedman, Elise Frangos, Nanci Ortwein, Rose Marie Konowski, Peg Graham, Kate Cremens-Basbas and Carolyn Simmons.

Special thanks are also extended to Jayne Thompson and the Friends of Arlington High School for production of awards certificates and Principal Stephen Woodcock for his vision of this special student centered event at Arlington High School.

## MATH

### Interscholastic Math Competitions AMC 12 award

Josh Montana, Grade 10 — (Certificate of Distinction, Certificate of Participation, Honor Roll Pin)

### AMC 10 award

David Jokinen, Grade 10 — (Honor Roll Pin)

### ASCL Award Winners

Senior Division High Scorer: Jonatan Hejzlar  
Jr. Division High Scorers (tied): Elsa Gonsiorowski and Derek Johnson

### Achievement in Math

Ian Duffy  
Joseph Byrne  
Anna Tarkington  
Hazel Briner  
Tenzing Dundutsang  
Leandro Moya  
Giulia Felsher  
Ryota Takami  
Jessica Bell  
Kathryn Megna  
Michael Maloney  
Edward Cooper

### Achievement in Computer Programming

Jonatan Hejzlar

Good Citizenship Award  
Grade 9 — Lisa Taglieri  
Grade 10 — Jessica Regan  
Grade 11 — David Vishniac

### Most Improved/ Outstanding Effort

Grade 9 — Aynil Berket  
Grade 10 — Haben Tsegi  
Grade 11 — Gisella Dewan

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### GRADE 9

#### Achievement

Ella Hartenian  
Dianna Garten  
Lizzy Ales  
Kayla Flynn

## CITIZENSHIP

Vinny Damaceno

### Department Award

Ally Cummings

### GRADE 10

#### Achievement

Liam Twomey  
Blake Sama  
Jennifer Johnson  
Julie Hatziliadis

#### Citizenship

Amanda Formica

### Department Award

Ashley Bergstrom

### GRADE 11

#### Achievement

Meredith Joly  
Laurel Mitchell  
Daphny Jean  
Jonathan Phillips

#### Citizenship

Jeffrey Clarke

### Department Award

Holly McLaughlin

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

### Early Childhood

Grade 9 — Christine Kerins  
Grade 10 — Jennifer Bowler  
Grade 11 — Brianna Mansfield

### Foods

Grade 9 — Solana Goss  
Grade 10 — Amanda Sullivan  
Grade 11 — Alex Nenopoulos

### CITIZENSHIP

### Early Childhood

Grade 9 — Kayla Flynn  
Grade 10 — Jenna Conlon  
Grade 11 — Kim Schanda

### Foods

Grade 9 — Angela Patel  
Grade 10 — Blake Sama  
Grade 11 — Liane Carvalho

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### Outstanding Achievement

Grade 9 — Liz Ales  
Grade 10 — Joe Albanese  
Grade 11 — Nick Carco

### Outstanding Improvement in Physical Education

Grade 9 — Anna Portillo  
Grade 10 — Katie Fairbank-Haynes  
Grade 11 — Jeff Shaumyn

### The Citizenship Award

Grade 9 — Michael Covino  
Grade 10 — Mike Breslin  
Grade 11 — Tenzing Dundutsang

### Outstanding Service

Rachel White

### Health Education

Achievement  
Pat Kline

## ENGLISH

### GRADE 9

#### Achievement

Elise Sullivan  
Thomas Lin  
Meghan Dunn  
Bobby Botting

#### Citizenship

Marika Osterbur

### Department Award

Nhuy Nguyen

## GRADE 10

### Achievement

Rachel Hamilton  
Rachel Philips  
Jason Kwan  
Katie Boyce

#### Citizenship

Amanda Formica

### Department Award

Mara Birkerts

## GRADE 11

### Achievement

Dana Schroeder  
Jonatan Hejzlar  
Tenzing Dundutsang  
Colleen Arnold

#### Citizenship

Rose Feinemann

### Department Award

Jessica Early

### Most Growth and Maturity in English

Kobi Cummings

## VISUAL ARTS STUDENT AWARDS

### Achievement

Grade 11 — Sarah Manoli,  
Anna Gargarian, Ryouuta Takami

Grade 10 — Hannah Allen,  
Matthew Roberts, Edward Cooper

Grade 9 — Allison Corman-Vogan,  
Blake Carpenter, Konstantine Gorbunov

#### Citizenship

Grade 11 — Stephen Bartlett  
Grade 10 — Ben Forbes  
Grade 9 — Daniel Russoniello

### Department Award

Grade 11 — Laurel Mitchell  
Grade 10 — Kerri Casciotti  
Grade 9 — Sung Chung

## PERFORMING ARTS STUDENT AWARDS

### Achievement

Grade 11 — Rose Fienman,  
Matt Kobayashi, Eva Carpenter, Isaac Aptaker

Grade 10 — Selene Takats,  
Greg Storch, Brian McCloskey  
Grade 9 — Blake Carpenter,  
Hannah Harris, Hazel Briner,  
Marika Osterbur

#### Citizenship

Grade 11 — Eric Dramstad,  
Michaela Mastellone  
Grade 10 — Seth Botos, Kelly McManus  
Grade 9 — Grace Sullivan,  
Jack Breslin

### Department Award

Grade 11 — Nathaniel Jackson,  
Katie Fletcher, Alyssa Rautenberg  
Grade 10 — Angela Winslow  
Grade 9 — Marina Halleem

## SCIENCE

### GRADE 9

#### Achievement

Blake Carpenter  
Elizabeth Ales  
Robert Botting

#### Citizenship

Nhu Y Nguyen

### Department Award

Elise Sullivan

## GRADE 10

### Achievement

Natalie Southwick  
Katie Fairbanks-Hayes

Cynthia Burrell

### Citizenship

Anna Sachs

### Department Award

Ian Provenzano

## GRADE 11

### Achievement

Laurel Mitchell  
Laura Mulvey  
Jeffrey Clarke

#### Citizenship

Jessica Early

### Department Head

Michele Kotiuga

## TECHNOLOGY

### Outstanding Course Excellence

Leonardo Moya

### Outstanding accomplishments and contributions

Tong Liu

### Growth and Effort Award

Steve Stathopoulos

### Outstanding Growth in Subject Matter

Tenzin Lungjangwa

## LANGUAGE

### FRENCH

#### 1 Honors

Elise Sullivan

#### 1 Collegiate 1

Anna Gonsiorowski

#### 2 Honors

Giulia Felsher and Eddie Cooper (tie)

#### 2 Collegiate 1

Jason Kwan

#### 3 Honors

Jess Early

### Special Jr. AP Award

Michele Kotiuga

## LATIN

Nathaniel Lim  
Konstantin Gorbunov  
Rachel Hamilton  
Michelle Perna  
Gregory Shapiro  
Brian Gillan

## SPANISH

Gracie Sullivan  
Alexandra Carver  
Natalie Southwick  
Jennifer Bowler  
Elizabeth Reidy  
Julia Sousa

### 4 Honors (Special Jr. Award)

Debora Reis

## ITALIAN

Ian Provenzano

## CLUBS

### GSA

Amanda Formica

### Art Club

Haben Tsegi

### Interact Club

Rachel Parkin

## PEER MENTORING AWARDS

Colleen Arnold

Lauren Buckley

Alexa Diranian

Gregory Hart

Holly McLaughlin

Kathryn Megna  
Michael O'Laughlin  
Leslie Nugent  
Sean O'Brien  
Michaela Power  
Reed Powers  
Robert Powers  
Alex Ranere  
Sam Rosin

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Vice President — Cori Buchanan

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Treasurer — Kerry Casciotti

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Vice President — Clare Nauman

Secretary — Michaela Kinlock

Treasurer — Tom Reidy

### Student Advisory Council

Amanda Formica

Katelyn Sarazen

## DEANS AWARDS

### Fusco

Alex Ranere  
Ellen Morello

### Downs

Nick Carco  
Karen Hodge

## FACULTY CHOICE AWARDS

Lisa Taglieri  
Jay McGrath  
Jillian Brennan  
Michaela Cravotta-Crouch  
Anne McInnes  
Isaac Toppa  
Jaime Sliney  
Kelsie Thames  
Courtney Kerins  
Christine Kerins  
Katelyn Kerins  
National Ventures Scholars  
Jonathan Hetherman  
Kevin Bryant

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Joseph Albanese  
Samantha Aupperlee  
Robert Bowman  
Kristen Carney  
Meghan Dunn  
Tenzing Dundutsang  
Benjamin Forbes  
Bryan Gillan  
Mahawa Gingrande  
Peter Haleem Garas  
Christina Hughes  
Derek Johnson  
Jessie Kang  
Judith Mackler  
Rose McCabe  
Michael McDermott  
Jessica Montana  
Christopher Ng  
Nhy-Y Thi Nguyen  
Leah Shesler  
Ryota Takami  
Haben Tsegi  
William Walsh  
Matthew Warren  
Brian Worsham  
Chang Zou

## HIGH HONORS-3 TERMS

### CLASS OF 2005

Eva Carpenter

Jessica Early

Jonatan Hejzlar

Meredith Joly  
Kathryn Megna  
Ellen Morello  
Daniel Reedy  
Elizabeth Reidy  
Dana Schroeder

## CLASS OF 2006

David Jokinen  
Blake Sama

## CLASS OF 2007

Rachel Botos  
Hazel Briner  
Blake Carpenter  
Giulia Felsher  
Hannah Harris  
Daniel Maser

## VENTURE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Jarrett Hetherman  
Austin Bryant

## JUNIOR BOOK AWARDS

### HARVARD

Jessica Early  
Daniel Reedy

### YALE

Stephen Bartlett

### DARTMOUTH

Thomas Fitzgerald

### TUFTS

Anum Ayaz

### SMITH

Alexa Diranian

### MT. HOLYOKE

Kathryn Fletcher

### WILLIAMS

Matthew Kobiyashi

### BROWN

Brian Carney

### HOLY CROSS

Michael Frigand

### RUSSELL SAGE

Karina Martel

## UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SOCIAL SCIENCE AWARD

Eva Carpenter

## RENSSELAER MATH-SCIENCE AWARD

Jonatan Hejzlar

## BAUSCH & LOMB SCIENCE AWARD

Michele Kotiuga

### WELLESLEY

Lauren Buckley

### FAIRFIELD

Brian Gridley

### LESLEY

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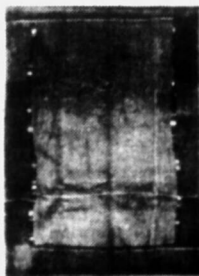
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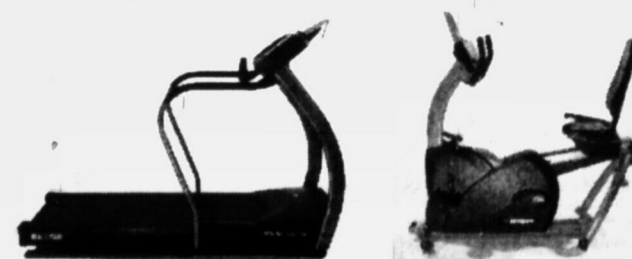
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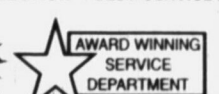
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# New super should be signed by March

BY BROOKE LEISTER  
STAFF WRITER

The Superintendent Search Committee and representatives from Future Management Systems, Inc., met last week to map out a timeline, as well as search objectives, for the superintendent search.

School Committee member Suzanne Baratta Owayda, who also is the chairman of the search committee, said she would like to have a signed contract by March for the July 2005 start of the new superintendent.

Lyle Kirtman, president and senior management consultant of Future Management, presented the committee members with packets detailing the timeline, possible focus groups, search committee, salary and advertising ideas. The Danvers company conducted the search that brought Superintendent Kay Donovan to Arlington 10 years ago. Donovan will retire at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

School Committee member Martin Thrope asked if there is a preferred time to attract candidates.

"The earlier the better,"

Kirtman responded.

In regards to salary, Thrope, who is not a member of the search committee, asked if there is a correlation between a district's size and salary.

Richard Warren, senior consultant at Future Management, said salary is more competitive on a regional basis. Arlington currently pays around \$140,000.

"I would have a range, but I would be careful about being too rigid," Kirtman said.

Warren added, "If you focus on experience, that drives your decision."

Committee member Paul Schlichtman, also the School Committee chairman, asked Kirtman what price he thought Arlington should offer.

"I think you're going to have to go up to \$150,000," he said. "Arlington is an interesting place. It will get interest. I don't think salary is the first thing that's going to come up, but in some cases it will."

As for the focus groups, Kirtman suggested meeting with administrators, community members, parents, teachers and the School Committee. The School Committee focus group is tentatively

planned for early August.

"The focus groups are important," Kirtman said. "It's your job to hire. Everything else is important, but you're (the School Committee) the driving force."

When the new superintendent is hired, Kirtman said he will give he or she the results of the focus groups "to provide some good information as they enter the job."

Throughout the focus groups, representatives from Future Management ask questions and record the answers on a flip chart.

"Usually it gives a pretty good pulse to what people are saying," Warren said.

Through the focus groups, Future Management will create a leadership profile. The search committee also stressed its desire to attract minority candidates.

As part of the search process, a search committee comprised of teachers, parents, community members, as well as others will be formed. Kirtman's company suggested a 12- to 15-member committee.

Owayda asked if they could form two committees — one

to create the candidate profile and another to conduct the search. Schlichtman asked how the committee members are chosen.

"Usually by invitation," Warren said. "You try to get a nice broad sampling of your community — older folks, parents, those in the schools, business people, students. Police are good for reference checks."

Thrope cautioned against School Committee members serving on the committee because he feared these members may have a bigger voice in the process, opposed to School Committee members not on the search committee. During the last superintendent search, School Committee members did not participate in this committee.

Schlichtman disagreed with Thrope's suggestion.

"To divorce ourselves from the process until the end, I think, is abdicating our responsibility," he said.

Ideally, Warren would like the search committee to be in place in August. Thrope suggested each School Committee member nominate two candidates.

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- Supersize Me (NR) — 11:35; 1:35; 3:35; 5:35; 7:40; 9:55
- The Day after Tomorrow (PG13) — 7:35; 10
- Around the World in 80 Days (PG) — 11:30; 2:40; 5:10
- Troy (R) — 5; 8:10
- Kill Bill, Volume 2 (R) — 7:10; 9:45
- Mean Girls (PG13) — 11:25; 1:25; 3:25; 5:25
- Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter ... and Spring (R) — 7:45; 9:50
- Ella Enchanted (PG) — 11:15; 1:15; 3:15; 5:15

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## EDITORIAL

## Let residents whittle down candidates

**T**he School Committee is starting the lengthy process of replacing Superintendent Kay Donovan.

The superintendent search is still in its infancy, but over the next month, the search committee and its charge will be developed.

At a meeting last week with the School Committee's search consultant, Future Management Systems, Inc., members discussed the group that will help whittle down candidates.

One discussion involved whether a School Committee member should be on the search committee.

During the process which landed Donovan in Arlington 10 years ago, there was no School Committee member on the search committee. When the Board of Selectmen looked for a new town manager last year, no selectmen were on the search committee.

For this search, however, some School Committee members would like one of them to serve. Member Martin Thrope said having members on the search committee could sway the process, but School Committee Chairman Paul Schlichtman disagreed. He said the committee would be "abdicating our responsibility" by not being represented on the search group.

The Advocate agrees with Thrope on this discussion. The School Committee should nominate community members to serve on the search committee — not themselves.

Putting a School Committee member on the search committee would tip the scales in that person's favor. Instead, we would prefer a group in which everyone's opinions are on a level playing field.

The school board could still oversee the process, but community representatives would review candidate resumes and forward the best to the School Committee.

The board could then start interviewing candidates and get a new superintendent signed by March.

Letting community members represent the School Committee in this search would not hamper the process, but allow residents an opportunity to influence the town's future.

## Letters to the editor policy

Do you have an opinion about a story you read? Do you disagree or agree with an editorial or another letter writer? Are you pleased or displeased about something?

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## BACKWARD GLANCE



The Colonial Garage is best remembered today as its later incarnation as Time Oldsmobile. The site has been controversial ever since Fred Chase tore down his historic boyhood home in 1912 to build the automotive business. For the last half-dozen years, the expanded parcel at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Mill Street has stood abandoned. After two large-scale projects failed to win approval, the site is currently being redeveloped with multi-family houses: a configuration not unlike that which existed before the Colonial Garage went up.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Amend town's wetlands bylaw

**I**'m writing to advocate a modification to the Arlington Wetlands Protection bylaw.

I am prompted by these observations: A permit application for the Arlington Reservoir repair project, presented before the Conservation Commission this past week, appeared to get hung up on the strict requirements of the bylaw. A reasonable interpretation says new construction must not leave you with less natural riverbank than what you started with. This appears to conflict with the plan for a new emergency spillway, which has been dubbed a "whopper" and which dumps out onto Mill Brook.

The bylaw further requires if the project takes out any trees within 100 feet of a wetland, then all those trees must be replaced somewhere. (The spillway cuts through woods.)

But elsewhere at the Res and in the vicinity of Mill Brook, there may be no place to put all the replacement trees. The law makes no exception for public safety projects, such as this one.

Furthermore, unlike other towns, the Arlington bylaw has no provision for a general variance. Thankfully, the commission bent over backward to try to find a way the Arlington Department of Public Works could compensate for the project impact and fulfill the technical requirements of the bylaw.

This is, after all, a high hazard dam and we must get it working properly and safely. Yet one principled commission member argued against the permit because a strict reading of the bylaw simply doesn't allowed it. Others voiced concern and frustration about the rigidity of the law.

The law needs to have more flexibility. Water manage-

ment projects that serve a substantial public safety interest should not risk rejection simply because a wetland asset is forever lost. We can imagine future projects where significant public health and/or safety goals are served. The Conservation Commission should have the ability to weigh the goal of wetlands preservation against matters of life and death.

The Town Wetlands Protection bylaw should be amended. Public health and safety must be given an explicit special exception. The bylaw must allow application for a variance from the normal requirements.

Brian Hasbrouck  
Vision2020 Reservoir  
Committee participant  
Grandview Road

### Questions explanation

**A**s an Arlington Heights resident, I have had to endure the almost daily "power blips" that have occurred recently. I was dismayed when I read the article in the July 1 Advocate "NSTAR continues improvements" in which NSTAR blamed the interruption of electricity on squirrels biting into power lines.

I feel NSTAR and the reporter insulted the intelligence of Arlington Heights' residents by putting forth this ridiculous explanation. NSTAR should put the blame where it belongs, on its equipment and its inability to maintain this equipment and the writer should have demanded a more responsible explanation.

If the reporter had investigated slightly further, he would have discovered the "power blips" happen almost daily between 5:45 and 6:15 a.m. I find it hard to believe that squirrels can keep such a regular schedule.

Furthermore, if these squirrels are falling to the ground

dead after they bite into the lines as the article suggests, Arlington Heights should be littered with dead squirrels.

Arlington Heights residents pay good money for their electric service and they deserve to get uninterrupted electricity and at the very least an electric company that puts the blame where it belongs when services are inadequate.

If NSTAR can provide uninterrupted service to the rest of Arlington and keep the squirrels away from those wires, Arlington Heights should be afforded the same luxury.

Jennifer Gugliotti  
Wilbur Avenue

### Only playing by the rules

**D**on Hurowitz's letter ("Disappointed by forfeit," July 1 Advocate) is atrocious as well as inaccurate.

The Babe Ruth rule states (as indicated on its Web site the day following the game) that a team unable to man a team of nine players within 15 minutes of that games start, forfeits and the opposing team takes the win. The game was scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.; at 5:45 p.m., the game was called. The player in question got to the field at 6:05 p.m. or so Mr. Hurowitz letter stated "a few minutes past the 6 p.m. cutoff."

I would not be a quoting this rule and I would not be writing this letter if not for the fact that I had to explain to my son twice, this season, that those are the rules and we have to accept them. Two of my son's home runs were called back to doubles because of a rule about balls bouncing on one side of a line before going out of a park.

Did I scream, use foul language, curse at the parents of the players on the other team and at the teams' coaches? No, I asked our coach why it was called back and although I had to endure my son's crest-

fallen expression as he walked back to second, I knew the umpire made the call because of rules of the game. I just told my son next time he would knock it all the way out and he would make that home run happen.

What happened at Robbins Farm Park on June 21 should never have been left up to the coaches or the players. The umpire was responsible for making that call. I believe that is why the Babe Ruth Organization began using "professional" umpires, correct?

At least that was what the letter I received at the beginning of the baseball season told me. That parents, coaches and players would be following the rules of the game, that questioning an umpire's ruling would result in a warning and if it continued, being asked to leave the game.

I was at Robbins Farm June 21, my son played on the Red Sox and I must say, the Braves' parents cursing and screaming, it was disgusting.

Before questioning the Red Sox coaches as adult role models, I ask people to question the Braves' parents who showed their children that when the rules of a game don't go your way, it is perfectly fine to scream, curse and badger the other team, chasing them across a field and to their cars.

I'm sure that is why town sports has its checkered past.

Michelle Marshall  
Varnum Street

### Couple thanks community

**O**ver the past eight months, the Arlington community has contributed to the support of our troops in southern Afghanistan.

Through the efforts of Arlington High School senior Daniel Thompson, a collection of cards, personal items and prayers were sent to Lt. Ryan Siggins, stationed in

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Kandahar, Afghanistan. The donations received were shared with his men and women serving our country in the southern region of Afghanistan.

The list of school children, adults and businesses that contributed with their thoughts, time and donations represent the spirit and the support of the Arlington community.

Our heartfelt thank you to the Arlington community for their patriotism and support. A special thanks to Daniel Thompson and his family for the compassion demonstrated for all servicemen, but in particular our son, Ryan.

The support has personalized the war in Afghanistan for the Arlington community and reminds us once again "never-ending courage deserves never-ending gratitude."

Alice and Bob Siggins  
Landsdowne Road

## Praises retired police officer

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mike Kanelos, retired Arlington police officer, for coming to my rescue last week.

I was eating lunch at work, when suddenly I choked on a piece of pizza. When I realized that I couldn't dislodge it by myself, I turned to the only two customers in the store and asked rather hoarsely if either of them knew the Heimlich Maneuver.

Mike rushed to my aid and after nine or ten squeezes, the object of my affliction was finally dislodged. It's great to know that even in retirement Mr. Kanelos continues to serve and to protect.

Paul Phillips  
Warren Street

## Flood victims helped by drive

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise money for flood relief in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. The Arlingtonians for Hispaniola group was able to contribute \$795 (15 donations).

The Red Cross societies of the Dominican Republic and Haiti were able to provide out-of-hospital care, distribute relief supplies, such as water

and food, and provide first aid and psychological support. The American Red Cross dispatched more than 5,000 bed sheets, 2,000 jerry cans, 1,000 plastic tarps and 170 tents to affected areas. As well, they were able to help connect individuals with loved ones through disaster welfare inquiries.

A lot has been accomplished, but there is so much more to do. Entire communities were washed away. Now homes and schools need to be rebuilt. If you have not already done so, please consider making a contribution today.

If you can help, please go to [www.bostonredcross.org](http://www.bostonredcross.org), click on Donate, then under Designation choose Flood Relief: Dominican Republic and Haiti. Please remember to select Arlingtonians for Hispaniola under the heading Source at the bottom of the screen.

This will allow us to track and update you on the success of Arlington's drive to help the people of Hispaniola. You will receive a boilerplate acknowledgment that explains ARC's local services. Don't worry — your donation will go to flood relief in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

If you prefer, you can send a check made out to the American Red Cross, indicating in the memo that it is for the International Response Fund for Dominican Republic and Haiti Floods. Please indicate on your check that you are responding as part of the Arlingtonians for Hispaniola drive. Send the check to the American Red Cross, 285 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02116.

You can also make a donation with a credit card by calling 617-375-0700, ext. 277. Once again, please mention that you are part of the Arlingtonians for Hispaniola drive.

Thank you for your help during this crisis.

Lilian Bobea  
Henderson Street  
Barbara C. Goodman  
Walnut Street

## Resident thanks moving company

Many thanks to Greg Pavao and his crew from Mini Moves & More for donating their time to relocate me and my family in Arlington

last week.

The guys worked very hard and were friendly and cheery all day. Their professionalism in moving our furnishings and personal belongings made for a very smooth transition.

I am most grateful to them and recommend Mini Moves & More very highly.

Cheryl Dawson  
Dorothy Road

## Peirce event a success

June 19th was the night of the Peirce School Silent Auction. Held at St. Eulalia's Church in Winchester, it was a night of music, food and fun.

I wish to thank everyone who helped make the Peirce School Silent Auction a success. Among those who helped coordinate, set up, process bids and coax friends, family, godparents and businesses to make donations are Samantha and Dan Robinhold, Tony Holowitz, Hillary Wright, Shaun McDermott, Jean Camp, Dagmar and Marek Jacisin, Kathleen and Matt Phelps, Lise Lindquist, Laila Niles, Gail Magnussen, Nancy Mooradian, Gayle Namchuk, Maryellen Carvello, Betsy Singer, Stacey George, Melissa and Mike Brown, Ann Bausman, Nathalie Guillaume, Joy Spadafora and our able bartender, Jane Torregrossa.

I also wish to thank the many teachers and staff for their donations, which are certain to be a hit with the kids: Mrs. Forse, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Bernardo, Ms. Meech, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Langley, Ms. Devine, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Mueller, Ms. Jacoby, Ms. MacDonald, Mrs. Britt, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Wall and Ms. Torregrossa.

Peirce families generously offered their skills and items. Among them were: Roy Goldstein, Mary Brooks, Vicky Chambers, Nici Chobanian, Eric Battite, Tracey Carney, Melinda and Kevin Fallon, Marek Jacisin, Sharon Stafford, Joy Spadafora, Suzanne McCleod, Sheila Barrett, Tony Holowitz and Hillary Wright, Barry Singer, Bob Hiller, Barney Maier, Harvey and Linda Yee, Natasha Zotov, Samantha and Dan Robinhold, Kathleen and Matt Phelps, Georgi Georgieff, Cheryl Perry, Donna Cantera-

Davis, Paget Hetherington, Stephen Sullivan, Thea Colman, Anabela Perozek and Laura Angotti.

Many local businesses were equally supportive of the fund raiser and I wish to thank them as well for their donations.

And lastly, I wish to thank all those who attended the Silent Auction to bid on the items. We are grateful for your support. Your contributions will serve the Peirce students well as they begin a new year in the fall.

Andrew Bausman  
Outgoing President  
Peirce School PTO

## Letter-writer relays her beliefs

I'd like to respond to Michael Cerone's letter in the June 17 Advocate ("Responds to marriage letter") which was a response to my June 3 letter.

His statement, "Ms. Ahearn seems to be claiming discrimination because the rest of Massachusetts does not hold the same beliefs as she does," is not true and has a cynical tone. I am not the only person in this state with these views and I don't claim discrimination, I claim injustice.

He writes the SJC decision "was based on secular, pragmatic, legal (constitutional) foundations." The SJC in effect made a new law, which is the job of the legislative branch, not the judicial branch of our government.

In the next couple of paragraphs, I think Mr. Cerone is equating my point of view with that of the KKK. I wonder if I am to receive that as an insult?

Then he says he "knows that Ms. Ahearn feels homosexuality is a choice and not just a kind of human sexuality..." I guess he did not read my letter in the April 8 Advocate where I suggested reading my church's sensitive Web site discussion on the issue ([parkstreet.org/pulpit](http://parkstreet.org/pulpit), senior pastor).

Homosexuality may not be a choice, but homosexual behavior is a choice. Some people have genes that give them a lifelong struggle with obesity or a host of other undesirable traits. Our genes are not our choice, but we do choose our actions.

We choose how we respond to what has been given to

us. There are a lot of unhealthy things we do, all of us including me; where we can make a difference is in acknowledging our mistakes and trying to do the right thing going forward.

After judging me and stating how "Ms. Ahearn feels" without speaking to me, Mr. Cerone says, "I'm not judging her." Perhaps it is more accurate to say that he simply disagrees with me.

Finally, he writes, "When someone believes they alone have the truth, they will conflict with a free and open society." A free and open society relies on law and order. I can't just take your wallet because I feel free to spend your money.

The Massachusetts Constitution under "Judiciary Power" Chapter III, Article V states: "All causes of marriage, divorce and alimony and all appeals from the judges of probate, shall be heard and determined by the Governor and Council until the Legislature shall, by law, make other provision."

Is there such a thing as real truth? That is food for a further discussion.

Joy Ahearn  
Benjamin Road

## Asks residents to vote in November

I just got back from seeing "Fahrenheit 9/11." Everyone should see this film, but particularly those people between the ages of 18 and 25. Seeing it has become reason enough for me to go and get involved politically.

It made me really sad to see the film because it took a film and its maker, Michael

Moore, to open my eyes and realize our government is not always doing what they say they are.

This is reason alone for me to help people my age get out there and vote.

I am mass-mailing friends and people that I know. If you are not registered, I will personally get the hard copy of the voter registration application going for you and all you will most likely need is to sign it. I will even send it to you all ready to send with the postage provided and detailed instructions on what you need to fill in and then all you have to do is pop it in the mail.

Even if you are not currently living in Massachusetts, I can get it to you from any

state. How

about it? It will be easy, I promise.

I grew up in a home where voting was part of our lives. It never occurred to me to miss the opportunity, but I know a lot of my peers do not vote. Unlike the generations before us who felt voting was an obligation, a precious right to have a voice, some of my generation seems less inclined to jump on any bandwagon if they can't see what's in it for them.

The future is what's in it — the world as it is frightens me in terms of bringing children into it. It frightens me because I have lost dear friends and have another dear friend, someone who is like a brother to me, poised to be sent to Iraq.

We can make a difference if we get ourselves informed — but most importantly — get out on Election Day. Work for the candidate of your choice, be it Democrat, Republican or other. Educate yourselves as to what happens when you throw your vote away. Look at Florida four years ago.

Believe that it is not OK to push my beliefs on others even though I think you should not vote to re-elect Bush/Cheney. I also strongly believe even if you don't like either party, that is no excuse not to vote.

Please, please, please, vote for the candidate you feel is the better of the two. At least

that way you can try to eliminate from the equation

the candidate who you believe is not the right one

and hopefully you eventually will like a candidate enough to help them by volunteering, voting, etc. (as I am with John Kerry).

If you want help, just e-mail me and I will get the process started or you can do it yourself. It is very

easy, quick and as Americans something we should all view as a privilege and a responsibility. You can also go to

[http://www.rockthevote.com/rtv-register.php?ms=RTV\\_feature](http://www.rockthevote.com/rtv-register.php?ms=RTV_feature), which you can copy and paste and get started.

If you have any questions, please call me anytime at 617-828-6060 or e-mail me at [Cravot4@aol.com](mailto:Cravot4@aol.com). I hope I can help.

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# New school policy looks to protect kids with allergies

BY BROOKE LEISTER  
STAFF WRITER

In May, Cindy Starks' young son, Ian inadvertently ate a Mr. Goodbar candy bar. The Bishop Elementary School student, who is allergic to peanuts, quickly realized his mistake.

"We had to give him an EpiPen and rush him to the hospital," Starks said. "He said right away to his dad, 'I think I ate something with peanuts.'"

With the new life-threatening allergy policy for the Arlington school district, Starks is hopeful that if her son has an allergic reaction at school, school administrators and teachers will know how to respond.

The policy, which includes protocol and guidelines for students with life-threatening allergies, was unanimously approved at the June 22 School Committee meeting. Prior to its adoption, there was not a consistent policy.

"We realized we needed a town-wide policy so a child in any school could receive the same treatment," Starks said.

Starks was one of the several

parents who led the policy charge. Last fall, she contacted Jeff Thielman, School Committee member and then-chairman of the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee.

"It was really a good education for me," Thielman said. "I learned about the issue and how serious life-threatening allergies can be."

Throughout the policy development, members of the subcommittee worked hand in hand with parents and school nurses.

"All the right people were involved. The parents were involved, the school nurses were involved, the principals were involved and the superintendent was involved," said Martin Thrope, the current subcommittee chairman.

And it was the parents and school nurses who hashed out the policy details on paper.

"In this case, the people who put pen to paper knew what they were talking about," Thrope said. "I'm most proud of it being a collaborative effort."

While Thrope said he could

not name how many students have life-threatening allergies, he said the policy was important to get on the books by the start of the new school year.

"There is no way to quantify the tragedy if one of those few (students) were to die because of an allergic reaction," he said.

When developing the policy, the committee studied the model policy of the state, as well as those from other districts.

"The biggest challenge was just making sure we worked within the resources of the school system," Thielman said.

While it was a lengthy process, those involved are satisfied with the end result. Members of the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee plan to revisit the policy around January.

"In all my time working on the committee and working on policy and procedures, no policy has taken so long," Thrope said. "This is an issue where the parents understood it extremely well on a gut level. They wanted a policy to protect their kids."

# Rocker part of summer series

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce's "Arlington at Night" free summer concert series will continue Wednesday, July 14 with the Dennis Brennan Band.

Brennan has been called "one of the deans of the local roots-rock scene." Bombay Classic Indian Cuisine and Scutra will be the Chamber restaurants providing picnic fare this evening. Advertisers include The Ninth House, American Alarm and Communications and MVS Publishing.

The concert will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the Jefferson Cutter House lawn in Arlington Center. It is being sponsored by Century 21-Adams.

This year's series is truly a Chamber enterprise with mem-

ber involvement from beginning to end. Produced by Firefly at Night, each concert is exclusively sponsored by a different Chamber business. Chamber food establishments will prepare picnic food for sale. The Arlington Advocate is the event media sponsor and the videotaped series will be broadcast on Comcast's cable channel.

New this year, concert program advertisers (all members) will be on hand with raffles and giveaways. The remaining concerts are:

• July 21: Citizens Bank presents Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, described as a funk and street beat brass band, playing New Orleans and other modern improvised celebratory music. Bombay Classic Indian

Cuisine and Flora return to feed us again. Be sure to say "hi" to The Arlington Center for the Arts and Comcast.

• July 28: The Regent Theatre presents Entre Amigos, a band that plays classics from the Brazilian samba and bossa nova repertoire. Food will span the globe as Olé Mexican Grill and Café Levonya tickle our palates with international dishes. On hand for the last concert will be RCN, Body Access and Hawthorn Suites.

For further information about the event, call 781-643-4600, visit [www.fireflyatnight.com](http://www.fireflyatnight.com) or send an e-mail to the Chamber at [info@arlingtonchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:info@arlingtonchamberofcommerce.org). Rain dates will take place the following evening.

# Local Democrats meeting next week

The next meeting of the Arlington Democratic Town Committee will be Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room at Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Ave.

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committee will be talking about plans for working on local and national campaigns.

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# Movie makes area debut at Regent

A documentary film about Massachusetts singer-songwriter Roger Salloom makes its Boston area debut at the Regent Theatre in Arlington on Thursday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The film entitled "So Glad I Made It: The Saga of Roger Salloom, America's best unknown songwriter" is the work of award-winning filmmaker Chris Sautter of Washington, D.C. Salloom is best known for the 1968 song "Marie Le Peau" he recorded while with the band Salloom, Sinclair, and the Mother Bear, and for the solo release "(Gotta Get) Out of Worcester."

Sautter said, "Roger Salloom is one of the most talented songwriters of his generation, yet commercial success has

somehow eluded him. This film is about more than the music of a talented singer-songwriter. It's about the struggle of an artist to be who he really is. It's about refusing to give up on a dream, even if that dream changes as you grow older."

The film, which was shot in western Massachusetts, New York City, Woodstock, N.Y., and San Francisco in 2002-3, follows Salloom as he tries to revive his career after giving up on the music business for 20 years.

The film also traces Salloom's career from his roots as a folk singer in Worcester and in college to the heady days of the late 1960s San Francisco music scene when Salloom was leader of a psychedelic rock band which shared the stage at the Fillmore and Avalon Ballrooms with now legendary rock figures like Santana, Van Morrison and Procul Harem.

Sautter said his interest in

Salloom dates back to the late 1960s when both were students at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

"In those days, Roger Salloom was a very charismatic folk singer turned rock-and-roller who some hailed as the next Bob Dylan," Sautter said.

One of those was Marshall Chess of the legendary Chess Records label who signed Salloom and his band to a recording contract. The band, Salloom, Sinclair, and the Mother Bear, released a critically acclaimed album, which received airplay on a handful of burgeoning FM stations in Boston, Cleveland, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

But shortly thereafter, Chess Records was sold and Marshall Chess left the label to become president of Rolling Stone Records. With that, Salloom lost his most effective promoter and his career stalled. After stints in the 1970s as a song-

writer in Nashville and with the remnants of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Salloom returned to Massachusetts and settled in Northampton to raise his family.

Sautter said the film includes a reunion scene with Salloom and Marshall Chess at Chess' home outside of Woodstock, N.Y., their first meeting in more than 30 years. Salloom wrote several new songs which are included in the film, as are several other songs from throughout his music career. In addition, the film features live performances by Grammy Award winners James Cotton and The Blind Boys of Alabama.

Sautter's first film, "The King of Steeltown," won "Best Political Documentary" honors at the New York International Independent Film Festival in 2001. Sautter, who is also an attorney, heads up the Washington, D.C. political media firm Sautter Communications.

"So Glad I Made It" premiered recently to much acclaim at the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival in Montana. The film also won third place at the International Film and Video Festival documentary competition in Redondo Beach, California.

The film's screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Sautter and Salloom. Salloom will also perform an "encore" of several songs.

Tickets for this event are \$8 in advance and \$10 day of show. For more information, contact the Regent Theatre, 7 Medford St., Arlington, MA, 781-646-4849

## Shakespeare at park

The Arlington Center for the Arts, in cooperation with the Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park and the Friends of Robbins Park, will once again bring nationally acclaimed Trinity Repertory Company to Arlington this summer.

Trinity will perform Shakespeare's comedy, "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," on Sunday, July 11 at 6 p.m. in Menotomy Rocks Park.

For the past six summers, Trinity Rep has entertained audiences all over southern New England with its pared-down, fast-paced, extremely accessible and incredibly fun productions of Shakespeare's greatest plays.

"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" is a classic romantic comedy. It follows the adventures of Valentine and Proteus, longtime friends whose bond is put to the ultimate test when they both fall in love with the same beautiful girl.

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The free performance is made possible by a grant from the Arlington Cultural Council and donations from generous audience members.

In addition, new this year will Trinity Rep's Actors Shakespeare Workshop. Cast members will lead a special pre-performance workshop for adults and children (8-plus) to introduce the story and characters of the play. The workshop will take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Arlington Center for the Arts, 41 Foster St. Suggested donation for the workshop is \$5 or \$10 per family.

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## BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE BHRC records local representatives' votes on five roll calls and local senators' votes on four roll calls from the week of June 28/July 7

### FILLING U.S. SENATE VACANCY (S 2404)

House 122-30 and 116-34; Senate 31-7, approved and sent to Gov. Romney a bill that takes away the power of the governor to appoint a temporary replacement when a U.S. Senate seat becomes vacant in Massachusetts. The measure requires that a special election be held between 145 and 160 days after the incumbent senator files a letter of resignation, even if the actual resignation occurs at a later date. Current law gives the governor the authority to appoint a temporary replacement when the seat becomes vacant and provides that voters elect a senator at the next general election or at the following general election if the vacancy occurs less than 70 days prior to the primary election. Supporters said the current system is archaic and takes power away from the voters by allowing a governor to make a political appointment that could last more than two years. They argued that the temporary appointee would have an unfair advantage as an "appointed incumbent." Opponents said the bill is sponsored by Democrats who fear Gov. Romney would have the opportunity to appoint a Republican to fill Sen. John Kerry's seat if he wins the November presidential election. They argued that holding a U.S. Senate election in a very short period of time would give an unfair advantage to incumbent Democratic congressmen with huge war chests and make it difficult for lesser known, underfunded citizens to mount an effective campaign. Some noted that Democratic legislators are being hypocritical because they have never proposed to change another current law that allows the Legislature to appoint a replacement when the offices of attorney general, secretary of state or auditor become vacant. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it.)

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| Rep. Kaufman  | Yes/Yes |
| Rep. Marzilli | Yes/Yes |
| Rep. Paulsen  | Yes/Yes |
| Sen. Havern   | Yes     |

### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR (S 2404)

House 44-104, rejected an amendment to the bill requiring that a special election for U.S. Senate be held between 145 and 160 days

after the incumbent senator files a letter of resignation. The amendment provides that the governor appoint a temporary replacement to serve until the new elected senator is sworn into office. Amendment supporters said that without the amendment, Massachusetts would have only one senator in the U.S. Senate for several months until a new senator is elected and sworn into office. They also noted that if a terrorist attack killed both Massachusetts senators, the state would be without any representation in the Senate for several months. Amendment opponents said the temporary appointee would have an unfair incumbent advantage over others seeking the office. They argued that the U.S. Congress is currently working on a constitutional amendment that would address the issue of how to fill U.S. House and Senate seats if more than 25 percent of federal legislators are killed in a terrorist attack. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment.)

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| Rep. Kaufman  | No           |
| Rep. Marzilli | No           |
| Rep. Paulsen  | Did Not Vote |

### SAGAMORE ROTARY PROJECT (H 4866)

House 128-21, Senate 37-1, gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill allowing the state to take 1.3 acres of open space land from the town of Bourne and in exchange give Bourne more than four acres of land, a new firehouse and a visitor's center. The measure also requires that the state complete all permitting necessary and take other specific actions for the extension of commuter rail services to New Bedford and Fall River. Supporters said this land-swap is necessary in order to begin construction on the \$58 million so-called "fly-over project" that would eliminate the existing Sagamore Rotary, replace it with a direct connection from Route 3 to the Sagamore Bridge and provide a new underpass for local traffic. They argued that the current rotary is an outdated and dangerous source of many accidents and often causes up to ten-minute traffic backups during the tourist season. Opponents said the bill unfairly puts these two projects ahead of other important construction projects across the state. Some argued that the Sagamore project is a costly and environmentally unfriendly one that is being pushed by the governor to benefit wealthy families with vacation homes on the Cape. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it.)

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| Rep. Kaufman  | Yes          |
| Rep. Marzilli | No           |
| Rep. Paulsen  | Did Not Vote |
| Sen. Havern   | Yes          |

### POSTPONE ACTION ON SAGAMORE ROTARY PROJECT (H 4866)

Prior to giving final approval to the Bourne Land swap/Sagamore Rotary project bill supported by Gov. Romney, the House 121-31, had postponed action on it until July 30. Postponement supporters acknowledged that they favored postponement of the governor's pet Sagamore bill because Republicans were using parliamentary maneuvers to delay a separate bill that takes away Romney's power to appoint a temporary replacement when a U.S. Senate seat becomes vacant in Massachusetts. Postponement opponents said this is a vengeful power move that would delay the Sagamore project that is designed to help commuters and reduce motor vehicle accidents. Following approval of the Senate vacancy bill, the House reconsidered the postponement of the Sagamore Rotary bill and gave it final approval. (A "Yea" vote is for postponement. A "Nay" vote is against postponement.)

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| Rep. Kaufman  | Yes |
| Rep. Marzilli | Yes |
| Rep. Paulsen  | Yes |

### ALLOW USE OF STUN GUNS (H 3400)

Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to a bill allowing police officers and special prison reactive teams, following proper training, to use stun guns also known as Tasers. Supporters said these guns would give officers an alternative to using lethal force and enable them to incapacitate suspects long enough to place them in handcuffs. They noted that Tasers are legal in most states and are an effective tool in law enforcement. The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill.)

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| Sen. Havern | Yes |
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### PLACEMENT OF BABIES (H 4325)

Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to a bill allowing parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room. The baby would then be placed into the state's foster care system. The measure requires the worker accepting the baby to make every effort to solicit identifying and background information from the parents. It also mandates that the state begin the process of terminating parental rights but stipulates that this voluntary abandonment does not constitute an automatic termination of these rights. Other provisions require the state to publicize the new law, teen pregnancy prevention programs and adoption information. The law would expire on June 30, 2008 unless renewed by the

Legislature. Supporters said more than 40 other states have similar laws and argued that the measure would save lives and give young, scared mothers a choice. They argued that without this new law, unsafe abandonment or even the killing of babies would continue. The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill.)

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| Sen. Havern | Yes |
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### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**PROHIBIT SURCHARGE FOR MAILING INVOICES (H 4398)** The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill prohibiting companies from charging a fee or penalty to a customer who receives the company's bill or invoice by U.S. mail instead of by e-mail or other means. The measure does allow companies to offer a discount to customers who choose to receive their bills or invoices by e-mail.

**DAY CARE PROVIDERS (H 4418)** The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a proposal requiring all licensed day care providers to notify their local fire department in order to be listed in the department's computer and recognized as a day care site in the event of a fire or other crisis.

**DANGEROUS DOGS (H 1436)** The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a measure requiring the owner of a dangerous dog banished from a city or town, to notify and provide a history of the dog within 11 days to the animal officer in the new community to which the owner is relocating the animal.

**UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS (H 972)** The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill requiring an owner of an unused, uninhabited or abandoned building that is determined to be unsafe in the event of a fire, to file a floor plan of the building with the local fire and police departments. Supporters said if this law was in effect in December 1999, the six firefighters who perished in the Worcester blaze might still be alive.

**FOOD EXPIRATION DATES (H 862)** The House gave initial approval to legislation requiring that cans, jars and other packages containing food for sale include the expiration date of the contents.

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